

WEDNESDAY, January 30th, 1828.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion by Mr. Lee, the following message, offered by him, was twice read, agreed to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 30th, 1828.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This house having authorised the committee of ways and means on the 22d inst. to make certain calls upon the several banks in this state, in which the state holds stocks, for specific information, and having further required on the 25th inst. a return from said banks upon other matter, touching, as we consider, the interests of the community, and essential to the security of the resources of the state—over which it becomes our bounden duty to superintend—believing as we do that ample time should be allowed to those institutions, to comply with the above calls, and that no injury can result from a short delay in the appointment of Bank Directors on the part of the state, we propose, with your concurrence, to postpone the election of directors until Wednesday next the 6th of February.

Mr. Steuart of Baltimore, presented the petition of Augustus J. T. Giraud, of the city of Baltimore, counter to that of his wife, Mary Ann Giraud, of said city, praying for a divorce, presented by Mr. McMahon, on the 14th instant; which was also referred to the committee on divorces.

The speaker laid before the house, a communication from the register of the court of chancery, transmitting a list of taxes accrued on proceedings in said court, during the past year, up to the first of January last, amounting to the sum of \$1,206 34½; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Semmes, chairman of the committee on ways and means, delivered the following report; which was read, and ordered to be laid on the table, viz.

The committee on ways and means, after carefully examining the several subjects submitted to their consideration, make the following report:

The treasurer reports the balance remaining in the treasury on the 1st day of December 1826, to have been

\$103,284 28

To which add the amount of receipts from the 1st day of December 1826 to 1st day of December 1827

266,416 42

Making together a total of

\$369,700 70

From which deducting the amount of disbursements for the fiscal year ending on the 1st December 1827

293,409 31